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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/679,819
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Art Unit: 2196

First Named Applicant: O'Brien
Status of Application: Pending

Tentative Participants:

(1) Examiner O'Brien	(2) Ryan Grace
(3)	(4)

Proposed Date of Interview: Please call **Proposed Time:** Please call

Type of Interview Requested:

(1) Telephonic (2) Personal (3) Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: Yes No

If yes, provide brief description:

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues	Claims/ Fig. #'s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Ind. Claims in view of Porter		[]	[]	[]	
(2)		[]	[]	[]	
(3)		[]	[]	[]	
(4)		[]	[]	[]	
[] Continuation Sheet Attached					

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Independent claim 1 has been amended to include the following combination of features that are not taught or otherwise suggested by the cited references:

a voice mail switch that is configured to receive an event and an identifier associated with the event; and

a notification server coupled to the voice mail switch that is configured to perform actions including:

receiving the event and the identifier;

generating a personal unique identifier (PUID) that identifies a subscriber registered with the notification server;

correlating the identifier associated with the event with the PUID that identifies the subscriber registered with the notification server;

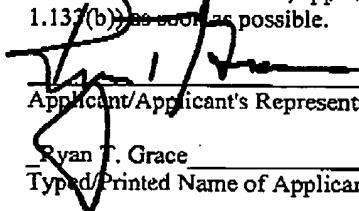
generating an alert; and

sending the alert to the subscriber indicating that the event occurred.

Applicants assert that Porter does not teach the above combination of features. The Office Action states that "Porter's 'mailbox number' reads on the PUID." *Office Action*, at pg. 4. Porter teaches a system for remotely accessing a mailbox by the Internet. The user enters a URL of the voicemail system and the server associated with the URL sends a HTML file to the user as shown in FIGURE 4. The user then enters a mailbox number to access the mailbox. When the user wants to access another mailbox associated with a different phone, the user must start the process over. Porter does not teach collective message access and alerts from several message stores. In the system of Porter the user must access each store independently. The PUID recited in the claim is not the same as the mailbox number of Porter. Claim 1 specifically recites "generating a personal unique identifier (PUID) that identifies a subscriber registered with the notification server." Here, the PUID identifies the subscriber. Such identification allows association with a plurality of stores. For example, a first store might be associated with a home phone and a second store might be associated with a cell phone. Applicants can find no teaching in Porter of a PUID that identifies the subscriber. Also, applicants can find no teaching of "correlating the identifier associated with the event with the PUID that identifies the subscriber registered with the notification server." Again, this feature allows events from several stores to be associated with the subscriber. Accordingly, applicants assert that claim 1 is allowable over Porter.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____. NOTE: This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP § 713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.137(b)) as soon as possible.



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